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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 54-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 54-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 55-56 are new. Claims 1 and 54 have been amended. Claims 18-53 are canceled. Claims 1-17 and 54-56 are pending in this office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2, 5-13, and 54-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,980,817 issued to Albert Chow et al. (hereinafter "Chow") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2003/0065738 issued Victor Shiang Yang et al. (hereinafter "Yang").

Claim 1:

Chow discloses a system for triggering a provision event in a service provider using a provisioning request message stored in a computer-readable medium generated by an external system (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6*), comprising:

a provisioning system operable to electronically receive the provisioning request message from the external system and transmit information in the provisioning request message to trigger the provisioning event, the provisioning system being a separate entity from the external system and the service provider (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6 and column 10, lines 28-36*);

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the provisioning request message including an entity to which the provisioning event pertains, wherein the information includes one or more attributes defined by the external system (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6 and column 10, lines 28-36*);

the provisioning system in communication with the external system and the service provider, wherein the service provider is operable to communicate with the entity to cause the provisioning event to occur in response to receiving the provisioning request message from the provisioning system (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6 and column 10, lines 28-36*);

the service provider operable to provide mobile communication service to the entity (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6 and column 10, lines 28-36*).

Chow fails to explicitly disclose wherein the provisioning request message is an electronic message having a data structure.

However, Yang discloses wherein the provisioning request message is an electronic message having a data structure (*Yang: paragraph [0051]; The trigger message is the provisioning request message.*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Chow with the teachings of Yang noted above. The skilled artisan would have been motivated to improve the invention of Chow with the teachings of Yang noted above in order to help establish method of updating services received from a service provider without first requiring a request from a user (*Yang: paragraph [0035]*). This would ensure the user of having the assurance and stability of knowing that the applications and services being used on his mobile device are always current and up-to-date.

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Claim 2:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the one or more attributes include a name attribute that identifies the entity (*Chow: column 13, lines 59-64; Note that the point-of-sale information includes the subscriber name.*).

Claim 5:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the service provider is a mobile data service provider (*Chow: column 2, line 47 – column 3, line 3*).

Claim 6:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the provisioning request message further includes provisioning data that identifies a particular entity to which the provisioning event pertains (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; See at least the unique electronic serial identification number (MSID).*).

Claim 7:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 6, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the particular entity is a mobile communication device (*Chow: column 13, line 52 – column 14, line 6 and column 2, lines 43-46; The mobile station (MS) is the mobile communication device.*).

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Claim 8:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 6, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the provisioning data includes one or more attributes defined by the external system (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; The attributes defined by the external system include subscriber name, address, credit card number, unique mobile station identification number (MSID), optional personal identification number (PIN) and other verification numbers.*).

Claim 9:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 8, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the one or more attributes include a name attribute that identifies a type of information included within the provisioning data (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; See at least subscriber name.*).

Claim 10:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes a personal identification number (PIN) for the entity (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; See at least personal identification number (PIN).*).

Claim 11:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes a product identifier for the entity (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; See at least the unique mobile station identification number (MSID).*).

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Claim 12:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes a billing identifier for the entity (*Chow: column 2, lines 47-65 and column 13, line 52 - column 14, line 6; See at least the credit card number.*).

Claim 13:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, and Chow further discloses wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes an international mobile subscriber identity identifier (IMSI) for the entity (*Chow: column 14, lines 29-31*).

Claim 54:

Claim 54 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1.

Claim 55:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, and Yang further discloses wherein the electronic message is an extensible markup language (XML) message (*Yang: paragraph [0051], lines 8-12*).

Claim 56:

Claim 56 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejections of claims 1 and 55.

3. Claims 3-4, 14, and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Yang and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0087300 issued to John Ervin Lewis (hereinafter "Lewis").

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Claim 3:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, but the previously mentioned combination does not explicitly disclose wherein the one or more attributes include a type attribute that identifies an entity type of the entity.

However, Lewis discloses wherein the one or more attributes include a type attribute that identifies an entity type of the entity (*Lewis: paragraph [0121], lines 5-9*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the previously mentioned combination with the teachings of Lewis noted above for the purpose of including a destination device type inside a provisioning request (*Lewis: paragraph [0121], lines 5-9 and paragraph [0127], lines 1-5; First note that the routing information contains a device type. Then note that the routing information is part of the overall provisioning message to be sent.*). The skilled artisan would have been motivated to improve the previously mentioned combination per the above such that the destination device type would aid in the delivery process of the provisioning request (*Lewis: paragraph [0151], lines 5-8*).

Claim 4:

The combination of Chow, Yang, and Lewis discloses all the elements of claim 3, as noted above, and Lewis further discloses wherein the type attribute identifies a model number of the entity (*Lewis: paragraph [0361], lines 1-4; The mobile identification number is the model number.*).

Claim 14:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, but the previously mentioned combination does not explicitly disclose wherein the type of

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information included within the provisioning data includes a mobile subscriber integrated services digital network number (MSISDN) for the entity.

However, Lewis discloses wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes a mobile subscriber integrated services digital network number (MSISDN) for the entity (*Lewis: paragraph [0388], lines 1-6 and paragraph [0319]*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the previously mentioned combination with the teachings of Lewis noted above. The skilled artisan would have been motivated to improve the previously mentioned combination per the above such that the MSISDN could be used to indicate the mobile directory number for a particular device (*Lewis: paragraph [0388], lines 1-6 and paragraph [0319]*).

Claim 16:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 1, as noted above, and but the previously mentioned combination does not explicitly disclose wherein the provisioning request message includes additional information identifying one or more additional entities to which the provisioning event pertains, and wherein the additional information includes one or more attributes defined by the external system.

However, Lewis discloses wherein the provisioning request message includes additional information identifying one or more additional entities to which the provisioning event pertains, and wherein the additional information includes one or more attributes defined by the external system (*Lewis: paragraphs [0172] and [0173]; These references disclose sending provisioning requests to multiple or additional users. The multiple users are taken from a distribution list and all the users receive the same messages. Further additional users can be added to any list. Further for each additional user device type,*

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destination address, and all other attributes are included in the message (this is equivalent to the provisioning entity and provisioning data item sections)).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the previously mentioned combination with the teachings of Lewis noted above. The skilled artisan would have been motivated to improve the previously mentioned combination per the above such that a single message would contain routing information for multiple devices (*Lewis: paragraph [0121], lines 1-5*).

Claim 17:

The combination of Chow, Yang, and Lewis discloses all the elements of claim 16, as noted above, and Lewis further discloses wherein a data structure relationship between the provisioning entity section and the one or more additional provisioning entity sections is defined by the external system (*Lewis: paragraphs [0172]-[0173]; The distribution list on the external system creates the data structure relationship between the additional entities.*).

4. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Yang and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0058652 issued to Christopher M. McGregor et al. (hereinafter “McGregor”).

Claim 15:

The combination of Chow and Yang discloses all the elements of claim 9, as noted above, but the previously mentioned combination does not explicitly disclose wherein the type of information included within the provisioning data includes an integrated circuit card identifier

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(ICCID) for the entity. However, McGregor discloses wherein the provisioning data includes an integrated circuit card identifier (ICCID) for the entity (*McGregor: paragraph [0201]*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the previously mentioned combination with the teachings of McGregor noted above. The skilled artisan would have been motivated to improve the previously mentioned combination per the above such that the ICCID could be used to identify a particular mobile device (*McGregor: paragraph [0201], at least lines 3-7*).

Response to Arguments

Examiner Notes:

Applicant's arguments are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection presented by the Examiner.

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PATRICK A. DARNO whose telephone number is (571)272-0788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ali can be reached on (571) 272-4105. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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